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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 269
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Mary C. Queen.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is extremely proud of its appropriate designation as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, One such outstanding volunteer citizen is Mary C. Queen, who throughout her life has bounced back from adversity and been successful, both as a homemaker and a valued employee; and

WHEREAS, Mary was born on April 26, 1911, the daughter of Thomas and Dona Clayton and one of 12 children; her parents died at an early age; six of the children, including Mary, moved to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home where they remained very close; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Queen was a model employee with Belk for more than thirty-five productive years, a hard worker who was known for being extremely dedicated to her work; and

WHEREAS, She was an active member of Scott's Creek Baptist Church for more than seventy years and carried forth the Lord's message and work in every aspect of her life, helping

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to build three churches in other states, working with the ladies in the WMU, and was always willing to do whatever was needed; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Tennessee, Ms. Queen continued her devoted Christian service, joining the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pigeon Forge, where she is the oldest member; and

WHEREAS, Age did not, and has not, slowed Mary down, as she has been very active and successful in the Senior Olympics competing for Jackson County, winning five Gold Medals in the State Senior Olympics Walking Category, and reaching the national finals, at age 76, in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Queen was married to Dewey Jones and this loving couple had two children, Doris and Herman. After her husband's death, Mary married Carey Queen, and the couple had one child, Katherine Q., who married Ben R. Maples, Jr.; Mr. Queen died in 1989; and

WHEREAS, She is the proud grandmother of seven charming grandchildren, John Sims Rhyne, Jr., Melissa R. Banks, Kimberly P. Forrest, Cynthia P. McCroskey, Jason Maples, Jessica M. Livesay, and Tabatha J. Anderson. Her great-grandchildren are, Carrie Renee Forrest, John Sims Rhyne III, Anne Clayton Rhyne, Mark Brian Forrest III, Gordon Thomas Rhyne, Katherine Dale Forrest, Julia Louise Banks, Spencer Allen McCroskey, Margaret Rhyne Banks, and Shelby Lynn McCroskey; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause to specially honor Mary Katherine Clayton Queen on a lifetime of exemplary service to her church, family and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Mary Katherine Clayton Queen, reflecting with deep admiration on her lifetime of helping others. We wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.